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REMARKS**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 14-16, 19, 21, 22, 24-27, 32-34, 37, 39, 40, 42-45 and 50-52 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Mills et al.

Claims 2, 12, 13, 20, 30, 31, 38, 48 and 49 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills in view of Kraus et al.

Claims 5, 23 and 41 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills in view of Duncan et al.

Claims 17, 18, 35, 36, 53 and 54 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills (U.S. Patent No. 6,667,751).

Claims 10, 11, 28, 29, 46 and 47 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 4-5, 14-18, 22-23, 32-36, 40-41, and 50-54 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 12, 19, 24, 27, 30, 37, 45, and 48, are amended.

Thus, claims 1-3, 6-13, 19-21, 24-31, 37-39, and 42-49 remained pending for reconsideration, which is respectfully requested.

The foregoing rejections are hereby traversed.

No new matter has been added in this Amendment.

REJECTIONS

The independent claims are 1, 6, 9, 12, 19, 24, 27, 30, 37, 42, 45, and 48.

Cited reference Mills et al. (USP 5237648) discloses a system of Begin Frame 40, End Frame 42 and Clip 44 including small screens, and a big screen of a display area of Video Window 20. The system provides a function of editing by dragging image from the small screen to the big screen.

The reference Kraus (USP 6266684) discloses a system providing a function of down-loading data and displaying it.

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The reference Duncan et al. (USP 5917483) discloses a system where the first information is related to the second information by a specified key word and the second information is displayed by dragging and dropping the key word into a display area.

In contrast to the relied upon references, the claims are amended as follows to further emphasize the patentably distinguishing features of the claimed present invention.

(1) The patentably distinguishing features of dependent claim 4 are incorporated into claim 1 and further, the recitation, "the indication of display the second item of information is given by operating a link information displayed in the first display area," is incorporated into claim 1. Therefore, in contrast to Mills, independent claims 1, 19 and 37, using claim 1 as an example, provides:

1. (Currently Amended) An information display system comprising:

a display unit including a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;

an operation unit indicating an item of information to be displayed in each of said display areas;

an acquiring unit acquiring the specified item of information; and

a control unit having the acquired information displayed in said corresponding display area,

wherein when a first item of information displayed in a first display area is related to a second item of information, and when giving an indication of displaying the second item of information, the second item of information is displayed in a second display area while keeping the display of the first item of information in said first display area, and

wherein the indication of displaying the second item of information is given by operating a link information displayed in the first display area (emphasis added).

A benefit of the claimed present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 19 and 37 is that when a user refers to a link destination on the Internet, the information of the link destination as well as the original page can be displayed. Mills fails to disclose or suggest the claimed present invention's, wherein when a first item of information displayed in a first display area is related to a second item of information, and when giving an indication of displaying the second item of information, the second item of information is displayed in a

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second display area while keeping the display of the first item of information in said first display area, and wherein the indication of displaying the second item of information is given by operating a link information displayed in the first display area." In particular, the Office Action relies on Mills, FIG. 2 and column 4, line 47 to column 5, line 25 to reject dependent claim 4, however, Mills in column 4, lines 39-41, discloses, "the small digitized frame (SDF) or visually segment can be moved out of the video window 20 and over to the clip list window 22." Therefore, Mills discloses a system of Begin Frame 40, End Frame 42 and Clip 44 including small screens, and a big screen of a display area of Video Window 20. The system provides a function of editing by dragging image from the small screen to the big screen. However, Mills, fails to disclose or suggest in column 4 the claimed present invention's, "wherein the indication of displaying the second item of information is given by operating a link information displayed in the first display area."

(2) As for dependent claim 6, it is written as independent form and the recitation, "and delete other display area," is incorporated in new independent claim 6. In contrast to Mills, the claimed present invention as recited in new independent claims 6, 24, and 42, using claim 6 as an example, provides:

6. (Currently Amended) An information display system according to claim 1, comprising:

a display unit including a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;

an operation unit indicating an item of information to be displayed in each of said display areas;

an acquiring unit acquiring the specified item of information; and

a control unit having the acquired information displayed in said corresponding display area,

wherein said display unit displays identifying information for identifying said display area,

said control unit, when the identifying information corresponding to the display area is specified through said operation unit, enlarges said display area corresponding to the identifying information, and-displays only said single display area and delete other display area (emphasis added).

The Office Action relies on Mills, column 8, line 52 to column 9, line 5 to reject dependent claim 6. Mills in column 8, lines 52-55, "if the SDF is returned to the video window 20, the video

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source 10 is prompted to automatically return to the video frame position corresponding to the SDF, block 148." However, Mills fails to disclose or suggest the claimed present invention's, "***enlarges said display area corresponding to the identifying information, and-displays only said single display area and delete other display area.***"

(3) As for independent claims 9 and 12, the patentably distinguishing feature "circumferential turn object" and "circumferentially turning," are incorporated therein. Therefore, in contrast to Mills, the claimed present invention as recited in dependent claims 9, 12, 27, 30, 45, and 48, using claim 9 as an example, provides:

9. (Currently Amended) An information display system comprising:

a display unit displaying a ***circumferential turn object*** which includes an indicator, indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, ***circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;***

a detection unit ***detecting*** an operation of said operation unit with respect to said ***circumferential turn object***; and

a control unit ***circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation*** (emphasis added).

Further, the claimed present invention as recited in independent claims 12, 30 and 48, using claim 12 as an example, provides:

wherein said display unit includes a display area for displaying the information and a ***circumferential turn object*** having an indicator, indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, ***circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape, and***

said control unit detects an operation of said operation unit with respect to said circumferential turn object, circumferentially turns said indicator in accordance with the operation of said operation unit, and displays the information corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a position to which said indicator is circumferentially turned.

Support for independent claims 9, 12, 27, 30, 45, and 48 can be found, for example, in FIG. 4 of the present Application.

The Office Action relies on Mills and Kraus to reject independent claims 9, 12, 27, 30, 45,

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and 48. Mills in column 5, lines 36-45, which is relied upon in the Office Action to reject claim 9, discloses "scroll/sizing bars 26" in FIG. 2, but Mills fails to disclose or suggest the claimed present invention's, "a circumferential turn object," and "circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation," as shown in FIG. 4 of the present Application. Further, Kraus fails to disclose or suggest the claimed present invention's, "a circumferential turn object," and "circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation."

The corresponding storage medium claims 19-36 are amended similar to the system claims 1-18. The method claims 37-48 are also amended similar to the system claims 1-18.

In view of the remarks and the claim amendment, the relied upon references of Mills, Kraus and Duncan fails to disclose or suggest the claimed present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 19, 24, 27, 30, 37, 42, 45, and 48. Therefore, in view of the remarks and the claim amendment, withdrawal of the rejection of pending claims and allowance of pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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